Sl. No.	Place at which tower to be installed
	WLL Tower
1	Araria
2	Katihar
3	Manihari
4	Routa
5	Jalalgarh
6	Dhamdata
7	Sameli (Pothia)
8	Barsoi

Telecom sector in Andhra Pradesh

2131. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are encouraging the private players in the telecom sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the telecom employees in the State have prepared to go on strike in September, 2006 opposing such decisions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's comments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The Government has liberalized the telecom sector and accordingly has issued Unified Access Service/ Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Licences to Five private operators for providing telecom services in Andhra Pradesh. This is to generate competitive environment which will benefit the consumers.

(c) and (d) The employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have given a notice of strike in September, 2006 on certain policies of the Government, including Local Loop unbundling. No instructions have been issued by the Government till date on Local Loop unbundling.